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1. WE CAME OUT OF THIS DEBATE MUCH BETTER THAN
ANTICIPATED AND CONSIDERABLY BETTER THAN MIGHT HAVE BEEN
EXPECTED AFTER A HEAVY- FOOTED STATEMENT BY UK WHICH
WAS A MASTERPIECE OF MISPLACED TACTICS.

2. THERE WAS NO FORMAL ACTION OR DECISION BY GC ON
THIS SPECIFIC MATTER. DUTCH DID NOT PRESS THEIR
ORIGINAL PROPOSAL REF B. AT END OF DEBATE ON ITEM 4,
ADMINISTRATOR RESPONDED TO COMMENTS MADE BY MEMBERS
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(SEE SEPARATE TELEGRAM REPORTING ENTIRE DEBATE). IN CONNECTION WITH DUTCH INITIATIVE HE SAID HE WAS AWARE OF GA RES. 2918; HE WAS MEETING WITH COMMITTEE OF 24 IN JULY; HE WAS IN TOUCH AND CONSULTING WITH OAU; HE WAS GOING TO AFRICA AND WOULD PURSUE ALL THESE CONTACTS; THERE WERE REAL LEGAL AND PRACTICAL DIFFICULTIES IN UNDP GIVING AID TO LIBERATED TERRITORIES; HE DID NOT KNOW THE EXTENT OF EITHER, BUT WOULD LOOK INTO ALL ASPECTS AND WOULD REPORT TO THE 17 TH SESSION OF THE COUNCIL.

3. SWEDES WERE CLEARLY UNHAPPY BUT DUTCH ACCEPTED THIS STATEMENT AND DID NOT PRESS ORIGINAL PROPOSAL NOR COMPROMISE LANGUAGE THEY HAD AT ONE POINT CIRCULATED INFORMALLY. SWEDES QUESTIONED THE ADMINISTRATOR'S STATEMENT THAT THERE WOULD BE LEGAL DIFFICULTIES AND EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT THESE WOULD NOT STAND IN WAY.

4. AFTER EXTENSIVE CONSULTATIONS AND IN LIGHT OF FIRST DAY'S DEBATE IT OBVIOUS DUTCH HAD ONLY LUKEWARM SUPPORT EVEN FROM AFRICANS. IN ITS INTERVENTION TOGO NEVER MENTIONED DUTCH PROPOSAL AND UPPER VOLTA SUGGESTED WHOLE MATTER SHOULD BE STUDIED AND POSTPONED FOR FURTHER CONSIDERATION WHILE GREATLY PRAISING DUTCH INITIATIVE IN MEANINGLESS PROSE. DUTCH PRIVATELY INFORMED US DEL THAT ALL AFRICANS APPROACHED HAD BEEN " VERY CAUTIOUS" AND THAT OTHER LDC AGREED TO SUPPORT BUT ALWAYS WITH HESITANT QUALIFICATION. IT WAS AGREED THAT IN VIEW OF THE FIRST DAY'S DEBATE THE ITEM MIGHT JUST DIE IF THOSE DELEGATIONS OPPOSED DID NOT SPEAK.

5. THE UK THEN MOVED IN WITH A STATEMENT REplete WITH SUCH WORDS AS " SO- CALLED NATIONAL LIBERATION MOVEMENTS"; " ILLEGAL"; " UN AGENCIES MAY ONLY DEAL WITH LEGALLY CONSTITUTED AND INTERNATIONAL RECOGNIZED ADMINISTERING AUTHORITIES", " LEGAL, POLITICAL AND PRACTICAL PROBLEMS INVOLVED" ETC. THIS FORCED AFRICANS AND OTHERS, SPECIFICALLY AUSTRALIA, WHICH FROM THE BEGINNING HAD INSTRUCTIONS TO SUPPORT DUTCH BUT HAD HOPED NOT TO HAVE TO SPEAK, TO SUPPORT PROPOSAL AND LIBERATED TERRITORIES.

6. BENNETT APPROACHED PETERSON PRIOR TO LATTER'S REPLY LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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TO THE COUNCIL. IT WAS AGREED BEST APPROACH WOULD BE TO RELY ON PERERSON'S STATEMENT AND HOPE FOR NO FORMAL COUNCIL ACTION. WHEN THE DUTCH AGREED AND ITEM ENDED WITH A MERE TAKING NOTE OF THE REPORT AND REQUEST TO THE ADMINISTRATOR TO TAKE MEMBERS VIEWS INTO ACCOUNT, WE ALL BREATHED A SIGH OF RELIEF.

7. THE DUTCH INFORMALLY INFORMED MEMBER US DEL THAT
THEY DO NOT ANTICIPATE RAISING ISSUE AT ECOSOC SINCE
THEY FEEL SLIGHTLY SINGED WITH OUTCOME OF THIS INITIATIVE
AT THIS MEETING. BASSIN

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